

(b) As per the latest progress report on village electrification published by Central Electricity Authority (CIA), 18405 villages were yet to be electrified as on 31-3-2006.

(c) As per 2001 census, 5.13% rural household were electrified in Bihar.

(d) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana envisages electrification of around one lakh un-electrified villages in the country by the year 2009. The rural electrification in Bihar has gained momentum since the launch of RGGVY in April 2005. The implementing agencies have reported electrification of 6612 un-electrified villages in Bihar as on 23.02.2007.

Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana

670. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) so far, State-wise;

(b) the total amount spent so far in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether Kerala has submitted any proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) All the 27 States (except Delhi & Goa) having participated in the implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) are beneficiaries under the programme.

(b) An amount of Rs.2892.07 crore has been disbursed to the implementing States as on 23rd February 2007 under RGGVY. State-wise and year-wise funds disbursed to the implementing States are given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Kerala has submitted 14 districts based Detailed Project Reports with an outlay of Rs.321.01 crore. 7 Project proposals received from Kerala have been sanctioned.

Statement

State-wise amount disbursed by REC for Village Electrification under RGGVY

Sl. No.	State	Amount disbursed as on 23-02-2007 (Rupee in Crores)
1	Uttar Pradesh	1659.28
2	Bihar	427.69
3	West Bengal	233.80
4	Karnataka	134.32
5	Uttarakhand	106.58
6	Rajasthan	105.41
7	Madhya Pradesh	104.66
8	Andhra Pradesh	19.80
9	Chhattisgarh	15.97
10	Haryana	12.33
11	Gujarat	9.77
12	Jharkhand	3.50
13	Orissa	3.50
	SUB TOTAL	2836.61
	Disbursement for BPL	55.46
	TOTAL	2892.07*

*This includes loan component of 10% of the project cost

Free Electricity to States from Thermal Power Projects

†671. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides some power to States free of cost for hydro-electricity projects;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.